### SOCIAL CHIT-CHAT.

Helena's Upper Crust Forgets Lent for a Night and Applauds Plinlimmon and Emmett.

The Prevalence of Good Taste Among the Ladies of this City in the Matter of Dress

Tennis Club Organization-Rehearsing for "Erminie"-New York's Centennial Celebration Ball.

Helena is rather young from a social standpoint and the social set too small to have reached the status which Byron graphically pictured when he wrote:

"Society is now one polished hords Formed of two mighty tribes, the bores and the horsed"

In Helena everybody knows anyone who is somebody, and everybody goes where somebody leads. At the theatre the other night one might almost have imagined that the curtain was about to rise on the Metropolitan Opera company instead of a wild and wonderful drama which served the dual purpose of introducing a clever delineator of Tuetonic dialect and his \$5,000 dog, Plinlimmon. All the fashionable world was there, however, and despite the fact that it was Lent they seemed to appreciate the songs, although the acting of the company, with the exception of Mr. Plinlimmon, was below mediocrity. Looking around the assembled congregation or audience I could not help realizing the truth of that impressive doctrine, "All we like sheep have gone astray." Somebody, however, suggested the theatre, so everybody went, and theatrical performances are too few and far between for the average theatre-goer here to have become blase.

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There is ove thing which can be said for Helena society which cannot be said for society in a great many larger cities. The women know how to dress, and dress well. There is a wide distinction between dressing fashionably and dressing in good taste, and there are plenty of women who have got money and wear the very best tailor-made suits which can be turned out, and yet never look well because they are overdressed. In Helena, however, good taste prevails, and what is more, the young ladies who wear decollete costumes are satisfied to wear shoulder straps instead of having their dresses hitched on very much in the way that a school boy hangs his hat on a peg when he is in a hurry. In fact, in New York, at the Metropolitan opera house, when the bailet was in full blast, an observing man about town was once heard to remark: "All that one can't see on the stage is on view in the boxes;" and it really looks as if the recent objection on the part of the stockholders to have the lights lowered during the performance might be a natural objection to the seclusion of nature, even though it meant the furtherance of art.

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The stockholders of the Metropolitan opera heuse are necessarily rich men, and their wives and daughters possess diamonds, even if nature has not bounteously endowed them with natural charms. Hence they do not want to hide themselves. They come to the opera to see and be seen, to chat and pay calls, and, of course, occasionally to listen to the music; but then they pay all the bills, and the real lovers of music have ceased to regard them in any other light than as a vulgar necessity. As Ben Jonson says:

"Give me a look, give me a face, That makes simplicity a grace, Robes lovely flowing hair as free."

What would he say now, and where would

What would he say now, and where would he find simplicity in this age of powder, puff and frippery, when the school girl is a society girl at 17, and the married woman a divorce at 21? I am no prude, but I do love to see a girl who has not forgotten how to blush at 18, and who will not smile at the for tox common double subgradue or at the far too common double entendre or risque remark.

AT THE CONCERT.

The audiences which assembled to listen to Ovide Musin and his talented company on Friday night and Saturday matinee were thoroughly representative of the taste and culture of Helena society, and the warm appreciation bestowed on these artists will be a pleasant souvenir for them artists will be a pleasant souvenir for them to carry away from the Rocky mountains. When Mr. Musin last visited Helena the audiences which greeted him were in no wise commensurate with this great artist's ability, but those who went were so justly enthusiastic that the return visit was an assured success, and we venture to bespeak an overflowing house whenever Mr. Musin shall come again. Mrs. Tanner and Whitney Mockridge are both artists of recognized ability, and Edwin M. Shonert, while laboring under great disadvantage in his solos owing to the poor quality of instrument he played on, made amends by his accompaniments, which were faultless. The striking likeness between Mr. Mockridge and Hervey Barbour, of this city, caused quite a little stir in the audience when the former gentleman first appeared upon the stage.

NEW YORK'S THIRTY-TWO. New York society is very much exercised as to who is and who is not eligible to dance in the opening quadrille at the centennial ball to be given on the 29th of this month in the opening quadrille at the centennial ball to be given on the 29th of this month at the Metropolitan opera house. It is the intention of the committee having the management of the ball in charge, the secretary of which is no other than the redoubtable leader of the 400, i. e., Ward McAllister, that the opening quadrille shall consist of sixteen couples, including President and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Morton, Gov. Hill and Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Hugh Grant and Mrs. Cleveland, the rest to be selected from those most directly descended from the owner of the little hatchet. The list from which these historically famous people are to be selected comprises the following names: Mrs. Augustus Van Cortlandt, Mrs. Van Cortlandt, of Croton, Mrs. John Lyon Gardiner, Mrs. William Astor, Mrs. Philip Schuyler, Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, Mrs. John Jay, Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry, Mrs. Nieholas Fish, Mrs. William C. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Newbold Morris, Mrs. James B. Toler, Mrs. Robert Clarkson, Mrs. Robert R. Livingston, Mrs. H. W. Livingston and Mrs. Dr. Beverly Robinson, and all fashionable New York is at present engaged in searching musty records of long-forgotten lore with a hope that their historical and genealogical researches will equip them with hereditary proof of their fitness for being taken into the charmed circle of the thirty-two. It is filial devotion indeed to go back nearly one hundred years to discover that you have a personal claim on the father of your country, but it is paying him rather a dubious compliment to make all this fuss simply because your wife or daughter wants to dance in a quadrille, and one can well imagine—

"From you blue heaven above us bent The grand old gardener and his wife Smile at the claims of long descent."

However, the ball will unquestionably be the greatest social event which has taken place in New York for many years. Mrs. Aster has stamped it with the approval of her presence, and Mr. McAllister is not only a manager, but is also the secretary of the committee, so that any dubious applications for tickets will have to pass through a fiery ordeal.

The former is being put up in sachet form and distributed throughout the ladies' clothing, and the latter are worn for button hole and corsage bouquets. Mrs. James Brown Potter is said to be responsible for this craze, and one dreamy-eyed reporter of the press describes a momentary interview with her "as reminiscent of a breath of fresh country air heavily laden with the perfume of ylolets." Everything about the interview was, however, fresh—i. e., refreshing. Another novelty, and we trust a rare one—is a bell attachment to that useful and sometimes ornamental girdie ence historically labelled with the motto: "Honi soit qui mal y pense." We can understand a woman hanging a bell about to: "Honi soit qui mal y pense." We can understand a woman hanging a bell about her neck, her waist or even her pet dog, but such an attachment as this seems super-fluous unless, indeed, it is a new method of ringing the changes—in her hose.

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The East Side Tennis club is now an assured thing. The promise of a ground adjoining Hon. Joe. Davis' hospitable mansion has already been secured and Messrs. C. Power, Geo. Child, R. S. Hill and H. B. Kane have signified their intention of joining. The club will not, therefore, be deficient in good plavers, and the possibilities of a tournament between the newly established and older club on the west side is pretty well assured. Anyone desiring to join can send in their names to R. FS. Hill, who is secretary pro temporo.

The New England society held its monthly meeting Friday evening and took steps towards celebrating the 112th anniversary of the battle of Lexington on April 19th by a debate on the question as to who was the greatest soldier of New England—Ben Butler barred. The society is also arranging for a grand ball on April 5. The rash experiment is to be made by this society of permitting members to read their autoblographies at the regular meetings.

The literary society is observing Lent, although informal meetings of the Ladies' Sewing club, from which the former society may be said to have primarily sprung, are held each week. "Hamlet" is being read without a man in the cast, the ladies embodyling the various parts. The next meeting of the monthly society will take place after Easter at Mrs. Smede's.

Mr. George Child, stage manager of the forthcoming production of "Erminie"—or, as it will most probably be entitled, "Robert Macaire"—says that the chorus shows the result of excellent training, and that musically he predicts the piece will be a big go. It is a great pity Mr. Child could not have been prevailed upon to play a part himself.

Beyond the theatre on Monday night Helena society has been very quiet. There is some talk of a poker club, to be conducted by ladies on a very limited scale, while the proceeds are to be devoted to charity. Just imagine four girls and a jacz-pot, and three standing pat and

Miss Lizzzie H. Sims, after an absence in the east of five months, has returned to her old home with her sister, Mrs. D. H. Wer-Mrs. A. V. Potter, of Chicago, is a guest of her niece, Miss Laura King, No. 808 Benton avenue.

NOTES AND QUERIES. [Anyone seeking information through the medium of this column can obtain the same by writing out the question he or she desires answered, clearly, on one side of the sheet, and signing his or her name in full, which will not be published, but is merely required as a token of good faith.]

Can a gentleman wear a white silk scarf tied in a sailor's knot with full evening dress?

Answer: He can, but he won't. A white lawn tie worn in the shape of a bow, or on some occasions a black satin tie is the only neckwear permissable with a dress suit in

If a man has invited a young lady to go to the theatre some months in advance of the selected entertainment and in the interim the lady in question becomes involved in a matrimonial entanglement, what ought he to do?

Answer: Buy three tickets and look pleasant.

In reply to Horace's query, which is too long and intricate for publication, we would say: Avoid the young lady's society and all publicity in connection with her name, and if this does not effect a cure speak to her mother about her and ask her to appeal to the girl's "amour propre."

BEESWING.

The Banner Year of the Banner Com pany.

The forty-fourth annual report of the New York Life, for the year ending January 1, 1889, just published, shows:

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million dollars in benefits to policy holders.

3. An increase of over one and a half million dollars in surplus for dividends, over Jan. 1, 1888.

4. An increase of over two and a half million dollars in premiums, over the figures of 1887.

5. An increase of over three million dol-lars in annual income, over the figures of

An increase of over ten million dollars in assets, over the figures of Jan. 1, 1888.
 An increase of over eighteen million dollars in insurance written, over the figures of 1887.

8. An increase of sixty million dollars in insurance in force, over the figures of Jan. 9. A total income, in 1888, of over twenty-

five million dollars.
10. Assets, Jan. 1, 1889, over ninety-three million dollars.

11. New insurance written, in 1888, over one hundred and twenty-five million dol-

lars.
12. Insurance in force, Jan. 1, 1889, near-ly four hundred and twenty million dol-

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A MATTER OF OPINION.

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The mother sobbed, sadly, "I wish I were dead.

A boy whispered low, "What a fine dress she has,"
A young artist sighed, "What a besutiful brow,"
A maiden, with pity, "Unfortunate lass!"
An old woman muttered, "She's happy now."

And then "Reet in peace," some good man says;
"Farewell," they all mutter once more,
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A poet says rightly, "One angel more."

—vr. Edw.n Lefevre.

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[Seal]

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